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SUBJ: VISIT TO STORAGE FACILITIES

REF: TOKYO 11616

1. SCIREP VISITED PNC AND JAERI SEPT 3 AND 4, STOPPING IN AT
JMTR TO CHECK PHYSICAL PROTECTION STORAGE FACILITIES FOR HIGHLY
ENRICHED URANIUM

2. JMTR PHYSICAL SITUATION UNCHANGED FROM HUDGINS VISIT, BUT
JAERI HAS RECEIVED FUNDS AND JAEB APPROVAL FOR THE THREE
MODIFICATIONS IDENTIFIED AS FIRST ORDER NECESSITY BY SAFEGUARDS
TEAM: STATUS AS FOLLOWS:

A. MOD WINDOWS TO BURGLAR-PROOF INSTALLATIONS. DESIGN
COMPLETED JULY 31: CONTRACT LET AUGUST 15: CONSTRUCTION START
SEPT 5: CONSTRUCTION TO BE COMPLETE SEPT 30.

B. REPLACEMENT DOORS WITH ONE-HALF INCH THICK STEEL DOORS,
DESIGN COMPLETED AUGUST 31: CONTRACT TO BE LET SEPT 15:
FABRICATION TO BE COMPLETED OCTOBER 2: INSTALLATION TO BE
COMPLETED NOVEMBER 20.

C. INSTALLATION INTRUSION ALARM SYSTEM. DESIGN COMPLETED
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SEPT 3: CONTRACT TO BE LET SEPT 15, FABRICATION AND PROCUREMENT

TO BE COMPLETE OCTOBER 31: INSTALLATION AND CHECKOUT TO BE
COMPLETE NOVEMBER 30.

3. K MOTOJIMA, DIRECTOR JAERI, OARAI HANDED FOLLOWING LETTER
TO SCIREP AT MEETING SEPT 4, QUOTE: SUBJECT: PHYSICAL
PROTECTION OF JMTR FUEL STORAGE AND TRANSFER OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR
MATERIAL.

DEAR MR. HENOC: AT THE MEETING OF JULY 7TH IN TOKYO, WE
ESPLAINED THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION PROGRAM AT OUR OARAI RESEARCH
ESTABLISHMENT. WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT, OF THE
MODIFICATION PROGRAM FOR THE JMTR FUEL STORAGE BUILING, THE
FOLLOWING THREE ITEMS OF IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOW READY
FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF NOVEMBER THS YEAR.

1. MODIFICATIONOF WINDOWS TO BURGLAR-PROOF
STRUCTURE.

2. REPLACEMENT OF ALL DOORS WITH 1/2" THICK STEEL
DOORS.

3. INSTALLATION OF AN INTRUSION ALARM SYSTEM ON THE
PATH TO THE STORAGE AREA. PARA.

AS WE WILL INFORM YOU AGAIN AS SOON AS THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE
COMPLETED, WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD INSPECT THE
STORAGE AGAIN TO CONFIRM THE MODIFICATIONS MADE AND ALSO
NOTIFY USERDA ACCORDINGLY. WE HOPE THAT THESE STEP-BY-STEP
IMPROVEMENTS WILL HELP ERDA'S JUDGMENT OF FUTURE APPROVAL FOR
TRANSFER OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND EXPORT LICENSE.

PARA. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT IN
HIS LETTER OF JULY 7, MR. ONO OF OUR TOKYO OFFICE REQUESTED
MR. V. H. HUDGINS FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT JAERI SHOULD DO
SINCE EA REQUESTED US TO OBTAIN USERDA'S ASSURANCE FOR
PHYSICAL PROTECTION MEASURES BEFORE TRANSFERRING HIGHLY
ENRICHED URANIUM FOR JMTR FUEL FROM FRANCE TO JAPAN THIS FALL.
WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE YOU MGIGHT BE
IN A POSITION TO RENDER US. YOURS SINCERELY, KENJI MOTOJIMA,
DIRECTOR, OARAI RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT, JAERI. END QQUOTE.

4. MOTOJIMA AND ONO PREFERRED TO JULY 7 LETTER TO HUDGINS
EXPLAINING THAT SHIPMENT OF 34 KG 93 PCT ENRICHED URANIUM FOR
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JMTR EXPECTED IN DECEMBER (CADARACHE SCHEDULE SLIPPED FROM
SEPT) AND REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS ISSUANCE EXPORT LICENSE. (NOTE:
STORAGE FACILITY CURRENTLY CONTAINS ABOUT 44 KG 93 PCT EU.)

5. MOTOJIMA ALSO MENTIONED RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN HUDGINS
AND MURIKAMA IN WHICH FORMER INDICATED THAT TWX NOTIFICATION
FROM ERDA SCIREP THAT COMPLETED MODS SATISFACTORY WOULD SUFFICE
FOR ERDA HQ REVIEW. ACCORDINGLY, SCIREP AGREED TO REVISIT

FACILITY IN EARLY DECEMBER OR AS SOON AS MODS COMPLETE TO
VERIFY.

6. SCIREP REQUESTS SPECIFIC DIRECTIONS, IF APPROPRIATE FOR
GUIDANCE IN DECEMBER REVIEW.
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